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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREAR-  
AGES

REF: (A) STATE 136243, (B) BOGOTA 11159

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A) OF JUNE 1976, THE LONG-STANDING  
ISSUE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT POSES A UNIQUE  
AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. POST REPLIES TO THE REFTEL, IN PAR-  
TICULAR THE STRESS BY MANY POSTS ON THE NEED FOR ADDED DOCU-  
MENTATION, REINFORCES OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES  
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THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL ENTAIL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN OF MANY POSTS THAT THIS PAR-  
TICULAR DEBT ISSUE NOT BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN  
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE SENSITIVE  
TO THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DE-  
VELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR MILITARY MISSION PROGRAMS IN A

NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE ISSUE AND ARE AGREED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PURSUE RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2, THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE IN A LOW-KEY FASHION AND AT A WORKING LEVEL.

4. AS EMBASSY AWARE, THE ISSUE OF THE DEBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO COLOMBIAIS BEING TAKEN UP IN MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CHANNELS HEREIN WASHINGTON AS PER YOUR RECOMMENDATION REFTEL (B).

5. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE IS MUCHAPPREICATED. VANCE

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